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**REQUEST FOR STATUS OF PENDING APPLICATION**

Sir:


On May 4, 2006, an amendment and response for the above-referenced application was mailed to the Patent Office under the two-month rule. The response was in reply to an Office Action dated March 6, 2006 and marked final.

A review of the PTO's public PAIR on July 18, 2006 indicates that an Advisory Action has been counted on June 1, 2006. The Advisory Action, however, has not yet been mailed. A copy of the PAIR status is enclosed.

Attorney for the Applicants respectfully requests an indication of the status of the application as no further communications on the merits have been received from the Patent Office. In particular, Attorney for the Applicants respectfully requests the issuance of the Advisory Action to allow Applicants to advance prosecution on this matter within the statutory deadline.

Should the Office have any questions regarding the submission or the application, please contact the undersigned counsel at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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